



MEMORANDUM

TO: George Purefoy, City Manager
FROM: Todd Renshaw, Chief of Police
SUBJ: Collin County Public Database
DATE: January 18, 2001

Attached you will find an agreement for services from the Collin County Information Services Department regarding dial-up connectivity to the public access databases. The charge for the ability to directly search conviction information should be no more than \$40 per month. Collin County charges \$31.13 per month and \$0.12 minute for the connectivity. Allen PD has been on the system for several years and says that their expenses rarely exceed \$40.00.

At first, we will need to be on the system a great deal. Before we can destroy old evidence or transfer it for auction, we must have a disposition on the cases. This is the impetus for this connectivity. Personnel time to travel to McKinney every month to look up information would far exceed the costs associated with this connection. As a side-note, Denton County has this information on the Internet for anyone to review. Collin County has no such plans to my knowledge.

Mr. Abernathy was asked to review the agreement and he had several comments. When those comments were given to the County, they refused to alter the agreement. Mr. Abernathy said that the only substantive issue was regarding attorney fees (Section 17). We feel that this should not be an issue. If either side breeches the contract, connectivity is simply removed. There would be no point in suing over retrieval of public data.

The McKinney, Plano and Allen Police Departments have been on this system for some time and have had no problems. We respectfully request that this item be placed on the next agenda for city council consideration.

Should you need additional information, please advise.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Todd Renshaw, Chief of Police

FROM: J.W. Williams, Lieutenant

SUBJECT: Collin County Public Database

DATE: January 16, 2001

I recently submitted a contract to Richard Abernathy for review before we entered into an agreement with Collin County regarding the public information database. Mr. Abernathy reviewed the documents and suggested changing the contract. I made the corrections suggested and contacted Patti Ostrom, the Information Services Office Coordinator. I explained the changes to the contract that our attorney suggested be made. She told me that she was unable to accept any changes to the original contract since the Commissioner's Court had approved it.

I spoke to Mr. Abernathy and explained Ms. Ostrom's position. He told me that the only substantive portion of his suggestions deals with attorney's fees in the event of a breach of the contract. He told me that the city could be held liable in the event that the contract is breached and the city does not prevail in any type of litigation. The remaining suggestions made by Mr. Abernathy were typographical in nature.

The cities of Allen, Plano and McKinney are also users of the database and have not experienced any problems with access.

I suggest that we enter into the agreement without the suggested changes. In the event the contract is breached by either party, we simply terminate the agreement. The information that is provided is public domain so the only security issues are those involving access and passwords to non-authorized persons.

Attached are three copies of the agreement and setup forms. Each of the three contracts need to be signed by the proper authority.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRISCO, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF COLLIN, TEXAS WHEREIN THE COUNTY OF COLLIN WILL INSTALL AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO A PUBLIC INFORMATION DATABASE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Frisco recognizes a need to have access to a Collin County, Texas public information database for the express purpose of criminal case depositions and management; and

WHEREAS, the County of Collin, Texas has the ability to provide access to a public information database via a dial-up network system;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Frisco, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Frisco, Texas hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the agreement with the County of Collin, Texas for access to a public information database.

SECTION 2: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRISCO, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2001.

APPROVED:

Kathleen A. Seei, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Nan Parker, CMC, CITY SECRETARY